

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-4 (cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) A wire holder comprising:

a ring having a first opening along a periphery thereof, said first opening being adapted to be closed and defining first and second ends of said ring that confront one another via said first opening;

a central hub having a second opening along a periphery thereof, said second opening defining first and second ends of said central hub that confront one another via said second opening, and said central hub defining a central space for allowing a high-voltage lead wire to be fit thereinto;

spokes extending from said second opening and defining a radial passage for allowing said central space to communicate with an exterior of said ring, said spokes including

(i) a first spoke extending generally radially and interconnecting said first end of said central hub and said first end of said ring, and

(ii) a second spoke extending generally radially from said second end of said central hub and terminating short of said second end of said ring; and

an extra space for accommodating therein another lead wire, said extra space being in communication with said first opening, and said extra space being adapted to be closed,

wherein said radial passage is defined between said first spoke and said second spoke, and said extra space is partially defined by said second spoke terminating short of said second end of said ring.

Claim 6 (cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) The wire holder according to claim 6 5, further comprising:

a sub-spoke integrally connected to said second spoke, and extending laterally from said second spoke to a connection point on said ring at which said sub-spoke is connected to said ring,

such that said extra space is defined by said sub-spoke and an arcuate portion of said ring extending from said connection point to said second end of said ring, with said extra space also being in communication with said radial passage via an opening of said extra space defined between where said sub-spoke is integrally connected to said second spoke and said second end of said ring.

8. (Previously presented) The wire holder according to claim 7, wherein said radial passage and said extra space are each adapted to be closed by having said first and second ends of said ring approach one another such that said first and second spokes approach one another, and then by having said first and second ends of said ring be joined to one another.

9. (Previously presented) The wire holder according to claim 8, further comprising: a barrier piece for blocking access of the another lead wire to said central space and for guiding the another lead wire to said extra space, said barrier piece extending laterally from said first spoke toward said extra space.

10. (Previously presented) The wire holder according to claim 9, further comprising: fastening pieces on said first and second ends of said ring, respectively, said fastening pieces being adapted to be engaged with one another, such that said radial passage and said extra space are closed when said fastening pieces are engaged with one another, and said radial passage and said extra space are open when said fastening pieces are not engaged with one another.

11. (Previously presented) The wire holder according to claim 8, further comprising: fastening pieces on said first and second ends of said ring, respectively, said fastening pieces being adapted to be engaged with one another, such that said radial passage and said extra space are closed when said fastening pieces are engaged with one another, and said radial passage and said extra space are open when said fastening pieces are not engaged with one another.

12. (Previously presented) The wire holder according to claim 7, further comprising: a barrier piece for blocking access of the another lead wire to said central space and for guiding the another lead wire to said extra space, said barrier piece extending laterally from said first spoke toward said extra space.

13. (Currently amended) The wire holder according to claim 6 5, wherein said radial passage and said extra space are each adapted to be closed by having said first and second ends of said ring approach one another such that said first and second spokes approach one another, and then by having said first and second ends of said ring be joined to one another.

14. (Previously presented) The wire holder according to claim 13, further comprising: a barrier piece for blocking access of the another lead wire to said central space and for guiding the another lead wire to said extra space, said barrier piece extending laterally from said first spoke toward said extra space.

15. (Previously presented) The wire holder according to claim 14, further comprising: fastening pieces on said first and second ends of said ring, respectively, said fastening pieces being adapted to be engaged with one another, such that said radial passage and said extra space are closed when said fastening pieces are engaged with one another, and said radial passage and said extra space are open when said fastening pieces are not engaged with one another.

16. (Previously presented) The wire holder according to claim 13, further comprising: fastening pieces on said first and second ends of said ring, respectively, said fastening pieces being adapted to be engaged with one another, such that said radial passage and said extra space are closed when said fastening pieces are engaged with one another, and said radial passage and said extra space are open when said fastening pieces are not engaged with one another.

17. (Currently amended) The wire holder according to claim 6 5, further comprising: a barrier piece for blocking access of the another lead wire to said central space and for guiding the another lead wire to said extra space, said barrier piece extending laterally from said first spoke toward said extra space.

18. (Currently amended) ~~The wire holder according to claim 5, further comprising:~~

A wire holder comprising:

a ring having a first opening along a periphery thereof, said first opening being adapted to be closed;

a central hub having a second opening along a periphery thereof, said central hub defining a central space for allowing a high-voltage lead wire to be fit thereinto;

spokes extending from said second opening and defining a radial passage for allowing said central space to communicate with an exterior of said ring;

an extra space for accommodating therein another lead wire, said extra space being in communication with said first opening, and said extra space being adapted to be closed; and

a sub-spoke integrally connected to one of said spokes, and extending laterally from said one of said spokes toward a point on said ring,

such that said extra space is defined by said sub-spoke and an arcuate portion of said ring extending from said point to an end of said first opening.

19. (Previously presented) The wire holder according to claim 18, wherein

said radial passage and said extra space are each adapted to be closed by having said spokes approach one another.

20. (Previously presented) The wire holder according to claim 19, further comprising:

a barrier piece for blocking access of the another lead wire to said central space and for guiding the another lead wire to said extra space, said barrier piece extending laterally from another of said spokes toward said extra space.

21. (Previously presented) The wire holder according to claim 18, further comprising:

a barrier piece for blocking access of the another lead wire to said central space and for guiding the another lead wire to said extra space, said barrier piece extending laterally from another of said spokes toward said extra space.

Claims 22-24 (cancelled)